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Press Release: Accountant arrested on Warrant for embezzling \$1.6 million from Electrical Wholesalers (US Electrical Services)

Arrest: Gail Zolla (age 41) 298 Stevens Lane Bristol, CT

Charges: 53a-122 Larceny 1st (\$1,666,396.00)

53a-139 (327 counts) Forgery 2nd

Bond: \$250,000 Cash only Court Date: November 13, 2014

On February, 15, 2014, the above arrested turned herself into the Bristol Police Department stating that she had embezzled money from her employer, Electrical Wholesalers. The business is located in Middletown. Middletown Police Detective Jeffrey Laskowski took over the investigation with the assistance of other Middletown Police Detectives. Zolla was not arrest that day as the investigation was continued.

Zolla originally stated that she had embezzled \$800,000 for her company. The company was reconciling their accounts and they found a discrepancy of \$800,000. Zolla felt her boss was starting to suspect her for the missing money so she turned herself into police.

Zolla had been working for Electrical Wholesalers since February of 2007, during that time she wrote 470 checks to a fictitious company and then deposited the checks into her personal bank accounts up until the day she turned herself in on February 15, 2014.

Search warrants were conducted on Zolla's home and her bank accounts.

The majority of the money has not been recovered and Zolla stated that she spent the money on landscaping, vacations, vehicles and other household expenses.

Zolla turned herself into the Middletown Police Department today after we advised her attorney that there was an active warrant for her arrest.

No further information at this time.

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